

BIG ROCK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

CHARLEVOIX



The Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant is significant as the world's first high-power density boiling water power reactor and an important research site for the nuclear power industry. In August of 1991, the American Nuclear Society designated the Big Rock plant as a Nuclear Historic Landmark. When the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the planned decommissioning of the Big Rock Plant, the SHPO was consulted to ensure that the plant was fully documented and that remaining cultural resources would be preserved and protected. The nearby rocky outcropping in Lake Michigan, after which the plant was named, is an important traditional cultural property for the Odawa Indian people. As part of an agreement brokered between the SHPO, the NRC, and Consumers Energy, the site will be documented, property near the Big Rock will be protected, and the Charlevoix Historical Society will have an exhibit about Big Rock's history scheduled for the Summer 2006. A Michigan Historical Marker was dedicated near the site in 2006.

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